

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A Phase-Locked Loop with multiphase clocks, said Phase-Locked Loop comprising:

a main loop comprising, coupled in series, a Phase Frequency Detector, a Main Charge Pump, a Main Loop Filter, a Multi-Phase Voltage Controlled Oscillator and a Phase-switching Fractional Divider;

a calibration loop comprising Y Calibration Loop Filters, with Y being an integer, coupled to the Multi-Phase Voltage Controlled Oscillator, and Control Logic for controlling the Phase-Switching Fractional Divider; and

a Multiplexer coupled between an output of the Main Charge Pump and inputs of the Main Loop Filter and the Y Calibration Loop Filters,

wherein a Reference Frequency Signal is coupled to the Phase Frequency Detector,

a control signal from the Control Logic is coupled to the Multiplexer, and

a Calibration Signal is coupled to a control input of the Control Logic.

2. A fractional-N frequency synthesizer comprising the Phase-Locked Loop according to claim 1.

3. An integrated circuit comprising at least one Phase-Locked Loop according to claim 1.

4. A digital mobile radio communication apparatus including at least one Phase-Locked Loop with multiphase clocks, said Phase-Locked Loop comprising:

a main loop comprising, coupled in series, a Phase Frequency Detector, a Main Charge Pump, a Main Loop Filter, a Multi-Phase Voltage Controlled Oscillator and a Phase-switching Fractional Divider;

a calibration loop comprising Y Calibration Loop Filters, with Y being an integer, coupled to the Multi-Phase Voltage Controlled Oscillator, and Control Logic for controlling the Phase-Switching Fractional Divider; and

a Multiplexer coupled between an output of the Main Charge Pump and inputs of the Main Loop Filter and the Y Calibration Loop Filters,

wherein a Reference Frequency Signal is coupled to the Phase Frequency Detector,

a control signal from the Control Logic is coupled to the Multiplexer, and

a Calibration Signal is coupled to a control input of the Control Logic.

5. The digital mobile radio communication apparatus according to claim 4, further including at least one fractional-N frequency synthesizer that comprises said Phase-Locked Loop.

6. The digital mobile radio communication apparatus according to claim 4, further including at least one integrated circuit that comprises said Phase-Locked Loop.

7. A method for synthesizing frequencies with a Phase-Locked Loop with multiphase clocks, said method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one Phase-Locked Loop that includes:

a main loop comprising, coupled in series, a Phase Frequency Detector, a Main Charge Pump, a Main Loop Filter, a Multi-Phase Voltage Controlled Oscillator and a Phase-switching Fractional Divider;

a calibration loop comprising Y Calibration Loop Filters, with Y being an integer, coupled to the Multi-Phase Voltage Controlled Oscillator, and Control Logic for controlling the Phase-Switching Fractional Divider; and

a Multiplexer coupled between an output of the Main Charge Pump and inputs of the Main Loop Filter and the Y Calibration Loop Filters;

applying a reference frequency signal to the Phase Frequency Detector of the Phase-Locked Loop; and

applying a Calibration Signal to the Control Logic of the Phase-Locked Loop.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein a fractional-N frequency synthesizer comprises the Phase-Locked Loop.

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9. The method according to claim 7, wherein an integrated circuit comprises the Phase-Locked Loop.

10. The method according to claim 7, wherein a digital mobile radio communication apparatus comprises the Phase-Locked Loop.